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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Montenegro to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Republic of Montenegro seeks membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Montenegro, which is the youngest Member State of the United Nations, has always been committed to the aims of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Montenegro is a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and to the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees, and hosts thousands of refugees and displaced persons from all parts of the former Yugoslavia. During the refugee crises of the 1990s, and especially during the Kosovo crisis, when 15 per cent of the Montenegrin population was composed of refugees and internally displaced persons, the Government of Montenegro spared no effort in providing them with assistance and protection.

The Republic of Montenegro stands ready to cooperate fully with all members of the Executive Committee in order to find constructive solutions to the various challenges facing the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Montenegro to the United Nations hopes that the Economic and Social Council will give favourable consideration to the request of Montenegro to become a member of the Executive Committee, and that it will recommend to the General Assembly an increase in the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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